

BUTCHERY OF NEGROES

Details of the Riots at a Texas Political Meeting.

Resulting in Sixteen to Twenty Being Killed—A Cold-Blooded and Fiendish Butchery at New Orleans, Louisiana.

New York, Nov. 4.—A special from New Orleans to the Herald (Dem) says: A New Iberia dispatch says: Everything is quiet since the Fausse Point trouble Saturday. The prisoners are still in jail, and will probably have a hearing today. A great many reports have come in from Fausse Point, nearly all differently as to the number of killed and wounded. Coroner Manville, who came in late Sunday evening, says that sixteen negroes and two whites had been killed. He has ordered a jury and will hold an inquest at once.

All who were in the fight when it began says the first shot came from a negro who fired from his coat pocket at Joe Giffoux. Bell and Giffoux were killed instantly at the first volley.

The pistols taken from their bodies showed that they had not fired a shot when they fell. They were two of Fausse Point's most respected and beloved citizens. Their friends present, consisting of six or eight men, were so infuriated that they went into the battle regardless of everything and fought bravely. A great many negroes stood and fought until they emptied their pistols. The majority, however, stampeded. Hundreds of them jumped into a bayou, and some being wounded did not get out of the bayou, and some fell down on the way and died.

One negro was found near by, in his cabin, dead, without a bruise on him.

It is still unknown how many were killed, but it is certain that sixteen or twenty lives were lost. Nearly all of those killed received their wounds from stray shots. Captain Bell was buried Sunday from St. Martinville, and Joe Giffoux from Lorensville. No further trouble is expected.

Butchered by a Friend.

New Orleans, La., Nov. 4.—Edward Gardner, Master Mechanic of the New Orleans City & Lake Pontchartrain Railroad, was killed yesterday by John Duffy, in a street duel. Duffy was formerly in the employ of the railroad company, working under Gardner, but was discharged by him some time ago. Since then the feeling between the two men has been very unfriendly. At 8 o'clock yesterday morning Duffy sent a challenge to the round house of the railroad company, calling upon Gardner to come and meet him to come out and meet him on the corner of Canal and Broad streets. Gardner armed himself with a pistol and accompanied by three men, went to the point named. Here he met Duffy and his friends. Duffy initiated a fight, and suddenly drawing a large hatchet, he sprang upon his antagonist. Gardner alighted when Duffy jumped on him and began slashing and stabbing him. He went about his work in the most deliberate and leisurely manner, seeming to choose the place to strike at; and after a careful survey of his prostrate antagonist, down would go his knife into the body, and it would be taken out dripping in blood. There was a large crowd of men looking on, not one of whom raised a hand to rescue Gardner. Duffy stabbed him altogether twenty-one times. He did not escape until a Sister of Charity, who was passing, came to a number of wounded men, and induced him to let go of his dying victim, when he rose and walked slowly away. It was then found that Gardner was fatally wounded in a number of places. The body was so horribly mutilated that one of the coroner's jury fainted away at the sight of it.

NO MORE POKER FOR HIM.

Major James H. Wasson, Who Gambled with Government Money. WASHINGTON, Nov. 4.—The President has pardoned Paymaster James H. Wasson. The pardon was granted in order that Wasson might be restored to citizenship. His term would have expired Monday.

June 30, 1883, Major Wasson was sentenced to dismissal from the army, to be imprisoned eighteen months at hard labor, and to have the causes of his punishment published at length in the newspapers of Iowa, the State from which he was appointed. His defense was gambling with the Government's money. The sentence was recommended by the Secretary of War, upon the finding of the court-martial, and was approved by the President. It was intended to give army officers a severe lesson against the violation of the regulations as to gambling.

Wasson graduated at West Point in 1871. Having resigned from the army soon after graduation, he became a Professor of Mathematics in a Japanese college. He afterward attained the position of Chief Engineer in the Japanese army, and was decorated for his services in the Formosa campaign. Before returning to this country he was made Professor of Civil Engineering at the Imperial University of Tokyo. In 1875 he was appointed a Paymaster in the United States army, and for five or six years he was stationed in Texas. It was discovered that he had stolen nearly \$50,000 of the Government's money which had been placed in his hands, and he tried to account for the deficiency by asserting that he had been robbed. He subsequently made a full confession. It was the old story—money lost gambling, small sums at first, followed by greater. The army regulations forbid a discharging officer to "bet at cards or any game of hazard," even with his own money.

It was said that Maj. Wasson divulged the names of all the gamblers who had played cards with him, and that Chief Paymaster Terrill addressed a communication to each one, threatening exposure unless their winnings were returned. One gentleman, who had only won about \$200, was induced to give up \$1,000 for fear of his playing cards becoming known to the public. Some few refused to give back any that they had won, and others claimed that they were losers in the game. However, the necessary amount of money was raised.

ENTIRELY DAMAGED.

OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 4.—Yesterday morning the Willow Spring Distillery was damaged by fire to the extent of \$25,000. The fire nearly destroyed the elevator building and still house, but the fire department prevented the destruction of the extensive establishment.

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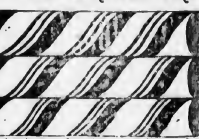
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